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## Sturdivant, Johnson Receive Public Service Awards from MBLA

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Third-year student Taisha Sturdivant and first-year student Stephanie Johnson have been awarded Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association Scholarships.

Sturdivant will receive the Honorable Chief Justice Roderick L. Ireland Leadership and Juvenile Advocacy Award. According to the MBLA website, the award seeks to support the development of students who, like Chief Justice Ireland, have exhibited a commitment to developing strong leadership skills and a passion for juvenile advocacy. The award is aimed at law school students of color who have demonstrated a commitment to juvenile advocacy in a variety of ways and who have demonstrated leadership abilities. The MBLA looks for recipients who exhibit not only outstanding academic ability, but also possess the qualities that make Chief Justice Ireland such an asset to the legal profession: intellect, leadership, compassion, and dedication to juvenile rights.

Johnson will receive the Honorable Reginald Lindsay Public Service Award, which is meant to support the development of students who, like Judge Lindsay, have overcome adversity to use their outstanding academic ability and skills in public service. The award is aimed at law school students of color who have demonstrated their commitment to public service. The recipient of the award must demonstrate that he or she possesses the traits that Judge Lindsay exhibited: compassion, perspective and honor.

Sturdivant and Johnson will receive their awards at the MBLA Gala, held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, on Thursday March 24, 2016.

